The Crucible Chronology

1. Act 1
   1. Opening scene—Parris at the bedside of Betty
   2. Parris sent for Reverend Hale
   3. Townspeople worried—rumors of witchcraft
   4. Parris saw girls dancing in the woods
   5. Hale comes—counsels Tituba
   6. Abigail and Betty yell out a lot of names of people associating with the devil
2. Act 2
   1. John Proctor seasons soup
   2. Mary gives Elizabeth the doll
   3. Hale visits Proctors
   4. Elizabeth arrested by Cheever and Herrick
   5. Proctor commands Mary to testify that the doll is hers
3. Act 2 Sc. 2 *(appeared in the original production but was dropped by Miller from the published reading version and other editions published from 1953 to 1971.)*
   1. John and Abigail in the woods
   2. Abbey really believes in the hysteria
   3. John tells her he will turn her in at the sake of his own name
4. Act 3
   1. In the court—Judge Hathorne, Deputy Governor Danforth
   2. John makes Mary tell the truth
   3. Worry that he is attacking the court
      1. Hale: why is every defense an attack on the court?
      2. Ripped up arrest warrant in Act 2
      3. Condemned the court—deposition of townspeople
   4. Girls come in
   5. John confesses affair with Abigail🡪 Abigail motivated to get rid of Elizabeth
   6. Elizabeth questioned again
   7. Bird scene
   8. Proctor arrested
5. Act 4
   1. Hale trying to persuade prisoners to confess
   2. Rumors of rebellion brewing
   3. Cows
   4. Hale convinces Elizabeth to try to get Proctor to confess
   5. Proctor signs confession, won’t let it be posted publicly
   6. Hanged
6. Epilogue: “Echoes Down the Corridor”
   1. Parris kicked out
   2. Rumors—Abbey is a prostitute in Boston
   3. Some compensation for the last alive victims
   4. Elizabeth married again
   5. Congregation rescinded excommunications on government orders
   6. Some farms left abandoned for a century
   7. “To all intents and purposes, the power of theocracy in Massachusetts was broken”